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For state agents for rural schools, \$53,200.

For rural education of negroes, \$50,974.

For current support of negro colleges and industrial schools, \$102,200.

For farm demonstrations, including canning club work and boys' corn and tomato clubs in Maine and New Hampshire, \$36,500.

Additional appropriations for various projects, aggregating \$80,000, of which the sum of \$50,000 was given for the purpose of promoting educational studies and research.

In making this last appropriation of \$50,000 for educational research the board is continuing a policy begun two years ago.

It was also announced that Frederick T. Gates, who has been Mr. Rockefeller's adviser in benefactions for many years, had resigned from the chairmanship of the board. He is to be succeeded by Dr. Wallace Buttrick, who has been secretary. Mr. Buttrick's place is taken by Dr. Abraham Flexner.

#### THE RAMSAY MEMORIAL FUND

As was noted in *SCIENCE* at the time a public meeting was held last October at University College, London, to consider the best means of establishing a memorial to the late Sir William Ramsay. We learn from *Nature* that since then the organization of the appeal has been set up and is now complete. Mr. H. H. Asquith has consented to act as president of the fund, whilst the vice-presidents include the ambassadors and ministers of allied and neutral powers, Mr. Lloyd George, the president of the Board of Education, the president of the Royal Society and the chancellors of the universities of Cambridge, Glasgow and London. The general committee, consisting of the subscribers, is under the chairmanship of Lord Rayleigh. Lord Glenconner and Professor J. N. Collie share the office of honorary treasurer, and Dr. Smiles is acting as honorary secretary.

An executive committee, formed under the chairmanship of Sir Hugh Bell, has drawn up an appeal, which is at present only privately issued, but will shortly be circulated publicly. The committee aims at obtaining a sum of £100,000, and whilst the final form to be taken by the memorial will be submitted to the subscribers, and will necessarily depend on the

amount obtained, the objects recommended are: (1) The provision of Ramsay Research Fellowships, tenable wherever the necessary equipment may be found; and (2) the establishment of a Ramsay Memorial Laboratory of Engineering Chemistry in connection with University College, London, where Sir William Ramsay's most important discoveries were made during his twenty-six years' tenure of the chair of chemistry. The committee has also in mind the inclusion of other forms of memorial, such as the institution of a Ramsay Medal for Chemical Research.

The sum already obtained by the private efforts of Sir William Ramsay's friends and from their own generosity amounts to about £13,500. This includes the donation of £5,000 from Messrs. Brunner, Mond, Ltd.; £1,000 each from the Rt. Hon. Lord Glenconner, Sir Hugh Bell, Sir Ralph C. Forster, Sir Robert Hadfield, Mr. Robert Mond and Mr. Hugh Brunel Noble; and £500 each from the president of the British Science Guild and Miss Lillias Noble.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE New York Academy of Sciences has been compelled to postpone the celebration which had been planned, but on the evening of May 28 the following program was given in honor of the one hundred years of scientific activity of the academy:

The relation of pure science to the national crisis: Professor Michael Idvorsky Pupin, president of the academy.

The academy's scientific survey of Porto Rico: Dr. Nathaniel Lord Britton.

Our first hundred years—a summary: Dr. John Hendley Barnhart.

PROFESSOR T. H. MORGAN, of Columbia University, has been elected a foreign member of the Linnean Society, London.

DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN, director of the American Geographical Society, was in April awarded the Bonaparte-Wyse gold medal of the Geographical Society of Paris for his explorations in and publications on South America.